

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are requested in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, which place the application into condition for allowance.

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1, 2, 68-70, and 72-82 are currently under consideration. Claim 82 is amended and withdrawn claims 3-67 are herein cancelled without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

The amendment to claim 82 is to perfect antecedent basis. No new matter is added.

It is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that these claim are and were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendments of the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 or 112; but simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112 IS OVERCOME

According to the Advisory Action, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement is maintained. The Advisory Action contended that not all of the claims are enabled by the specification, as some of the claims still recite “heteroaryl” as a chemical moiety.

In response, Applicants refer to the present claims, wherein “heteroaryl” is removed in all instances. Consequently, Applicants assert that all of the present claims are enabled by the specification.

Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under § 112, first paragraph.

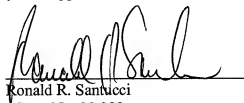
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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